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In the Claims:

1-42.   (canceled)

43. (currently amended)   A system for reviewing papers, comprising; 1) a user
interface for identifying the user, for accepting predefined user information, for uploading
papers to be reviewed, and for providing a result, ~~wherein, in a first user selectable mode,~~
~~said user interface provides an originality checking option, and in a second user selectable~~
~~mode, provides a paper review option that permits marking up of said paper by said user;~~
2) an originality checking application operably linked to said user interface, said
originality checking application comprising knowledge base information and defined
rules for checking uploaded papers for plagiarism; wherein said originality checking
application includes rules for ~~checking for plagiarism including:~~ a) obtaining,
fingerprinting, and storing on a database ~~relevant documents~~ academic papers from a
variety of sources which might be copied, ~~said sources comprising documents stored in a~~
~~database and documents gathered from the internet,~~ b) fingerprinting uploaded papers to
be checked for originality, c) ~~checking said uploaded papers for originality by~~ comparing
said fingerprints of ~~a paper~~ said uploaded papers to fingerprints of said ~~relevant~~
~~documents~~ academic papers to identify possible matches ~~between said fingerprinted~~
~~uploaded papers and said fingerprinted academic papers,~~ d) comparing said uploaded
paper's full text to a full text of all said possible matches ~~wherein said possible matches~~
~~are identified by said comparison of said fingerprints of said uploaded papers to said~~
~~fingerprints of said academic papers,~~ and e) generating an originality report which
highlights those portions of ~~the~~ said uploaded paper which match portions of said ~~relevant~~
~~documents~~ academic papers identified as possible matches ~~by said comparison of said~~
~~uploaded paper's full text to said full text of said possible matches;~~ wherein said
originality report further comprises a report of the level of duplication between said
paper's full text and said full text of said possible matches ~~wherein said report provides an~~
~~overall similarity index ranking, and wherein said similarity index ranking and said~~
~~portions of said academic papers identified as possible matches are both displayed~~
~~together on said originality report on said user interface;~~ 3) a peer review application

operably linked to said user interface, said peer review application comprising knowledge base information and defined rules for reviewing uploaded papers ~~wherein said rules comprise standards for review comprising questions and rubrics provided by a sponsor to be used in reviewing said uploaded paper~~ and for completing and submitting a review of said uploaded papers ~~wherein said completing a review comprises the completion of said standards for review by a user as provided by said sponsor and wherein submitting a review comprises the submission of said review by said user upon selecting a submission option provided by said user interface~~; and, 4) a computer system having stored therein said originality checking application and said peer review application, wherein said computer system comprises computer memory and a computer processor.

44.   (original) The system of claim 43 additionally comprising an intermediary service provider operably linked to said computer system, wherein said intermediary service provider is capable of displaying said user interface to all users who are in communication with said user interface.

45.   (original) The system of claim 43 wherein said predefined user information is used to categorize users as one or more of the group consisting of submitters, sponsors, reviewers, administrators, and visitors.

46.   (original) The system of claim 45 wherein said predefined user information comprises identification information and a paper responsive to an assignment when said user is identified as a submitter.

47.   (original) The system of claim 45 wherein said predefined user information comprises identification information and a response to a peer review assignment when said user is identified as a reviewer.

48.   (original) The system of claim 47 wherein said result is a peer review report.

49.   (original) The system of claim 45 wherein when said user is identified as a

sponsor, said predefined user information comprises information needed to create an assignment to generate submission of a paper.

50.   (original) The system of claim 49 wherein said result is an originality report.

51.   (original) The system of claim 45 wherein when said user is identified as a sponsor, said predefined user information comprises information needed to create a peer review assignment, define reviewers, define criteria for rating each paper, and define criteria by which papers are to be distributed to said reviewers.

52.   (original) The system of claim 51 wherein said reviewers comprise the set of those submitting papers responsive to an assignment created by said sponsor.

53.   (currently amended) The system of claim 51 wherein said knowledge base information and rules further include rules for randomly assigning said paper to any reviewer except the submitter, and for assigning to each reviewer only the number of papers predetermined by the sponsor.

54.   (original) The system of claim 51 wherein said peer review assignment includes a first date for completing the review of each paper, and a second date when each peer review result will be available to submitters.

55.   (original) The system of claim 54 wherein said rules eliminate links enabling a reviewer to complete a peer review assignment once said first date has passed.

56.   (original) The system of claim 51 wherein said user interface provides notice to a reviewer of a peer review assignment, at least one link to each paper assigned for review, and at least one link to a peer review page having spaces for accepting the reviewer's responses to queries defining the criteria for rating each assigned paper.

57.   (original) The system of claim 43 wherein said knowledge base information

comprises a list of potential submitters, a list of potential sponsors, a list of potential reviewers, a library of questions and rubrics which can be used in reviewing papers, at least one paper to be checked for originality and reviewed, completed peer reviews and peer review reports.

58.   (currently amended) The system of claim 43 wherein said predefined rules further include selectable reviewing criteria to be used to create a peer review result, rules for random assignment of papers, rules for establishing the start and finish dates of the peer review assignment, and rules for creating a peer review report from all peer review results.

59.   (original) The system of claim 43, wherein said computer memory is capable of storing said knowledge base information, rules, and peer review application.

60.   (original) The system of claim 44, wherein said intermediary service provider is a hosted electronic environment.

61.   (original) The system of claim 60, wherein said hosted electronic environment is a website accessible on the internet.

62.   (original) The system of claim 61 wherein said user information includes identification data used to verify the user as a subscriber.

63.   (original) The system of claim 57 additionally including a library of peer review assignments.

64.   (original) The system of claim 54 additionally comprising a third date when a reminder of the first date is sent to each reviewer.

65.   (original) The system of claim 43 wherein said user is remote from said computer system and accesses said user interface using a remote computing device in

communication with said computer system and capable of using said user interface.

66.   (original) The system of claim 43 additionally comprising a calendaring application stored on said computer system, said calendaring application operably linked to said user interface and comprising knowledge base information and defined rules for (a) establishing and storing dates for completing assignments and (b) linking abbreviated calendar entries to full-text assignment requirements.

67.   (original) The system of claim 43 additionally comprising an inbox application stored on said computer system, said inbox application operably linked to said user interface and comprising knowledge base information and defined rules for creating an inbox for each user.

68.   (original) The system of claim 43 additionally comprising an application for storing notes on said computer system for later access by submitters and reviewers.

69.   (canceled)

70.   (original) The system of claim 43 wherein said peer review application includes rules for (a) accepting a paper for peer review, (b) defining a peer review assignment, (c) assigning said paper to a defined set of reviewers for review, (d) providing to said reviewers criteria for reviewing each said paper to produce a peer review result, and (e) processing all peer review results for any paper to produce a peer review report.